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New Meteorological Observatory near Sofia

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1. A new meteorological observatory has been constructed at approximately 200 meters south of the Sofia-Plovdiv highway, and six kilometers from Sofia. The observatory consists of a building approximately 40 meters long and 12-15 meters high, with a flat roof. At one end of the building is a trestle-type tower equipped with a ladder which leads to two superimposed platforms. On top of this tower, a whirling anemometer, a small box for various instruments, and a pole topped by a red aircraft warning light, were observed.
2. On the roof of the building is a small T-type antenna, probably used to receive short wave by the observatory's radio-meteorological station.
3. This building is located in the open and it was observed that the usual weather balloons, for determining the direction and velocity of the wind, are released here.
4. The sketch included as Appendix "A", shows the exact location of the observatory and a general description of the building.

The Cartographic and Geodetical Instruments Institute of Sofia

5. Included as Appendix "B" is a plan of the Sofia suburb of Pavlovo, which shows the location of the Cartographic and Geodetical Instruments Institute as well as the "Suvorov" Military Academy.
6. The Cartographic and Geodetical Instruments Institute is allegedly the old "Geographic Institute of Bulgaria", which formerly occupied a group of buildings at the corner of Boulevard Ruski and Paris Street. In 1954, the institute was divided into three sections as follows:
 - a. Central Directorate;
 - b. Cartography, plastics, and instruments unit; and
 - c. Topographical unit.

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7. The Central Directorate of the Institute is now located at 16 Lenin Square (formerly Sveta Nedelya). On the door of this building is a sign which reads "Ministertski Suvet - Glavna Direktsiya po Geodesiya i Kartografiya - GDGK (Council of Ministers - Central Directorate of Geodesy and Cartography).
8. The Cartography, plastics, and instruments unit is located at 219 Nine September Boulevard (Telephone. 56389, 56049, and 56136). This unit allegedly produces the following:
 - a. Educational, office, and technical instruments of celluloid (i.e. squares, protractors, rulers, curvilinear squares, models, calculating tables, etc.);
 - b. Geodetical, topographical, and land surveying instruments (i.e. sighting stakes, plumb lines, slide rules, transversal scales, etc.); and
 - c. Geographical maps, special wall maps, and maps for various uses.

This unit repairs and overhauls all types of geodetical instruments, levels, tachometers, transits, etc.
9. The Topographical Unit is allegedly still located in several old buildings at No.9 Ruski Boulevard.

Cinema Center near Sofia

10. A plan for the construction of large movie studios, in the vicinity of Sofia, was recently completed in Moscow. These studios will allegedly consist of approximately 20 buildings and cover an area of approximately 1200 decares, at the foot of Mount Vitosha.
11. The plan was drawn up by Soviet engineers and architects, with the help of Bulgarian specialists. The Center will include the following:
 - a. A central installation, composed of three studios for taking films, a conference room with a capacity of 600 persons, and a large number of offices and service rooms;
 - b. An unidentified number of smaller buildings to be used as laboratories, storerooms, and warehouses for films and equipments;
 - c. A power station;
 - d. A garage with a capacity of 50 vehicles; and
 - e. Two open air locations for taking films.
12. During the spring of 1954, workers were observed levelling the area at the foot of the slope of Mount Vitosha, draining the terrain, and preparing vast terraced squares.

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13. The above work was in progress for several months and was then suspended until the early months of 1955, when work once more resumed.
14. This Cinema Center is being built just beyond Boyana (N42-39, E23-16) on the road to Dragalevtzi (N42-38, E23-19). This road is now closed to traffic by a barrier, at which a Trudovak guard is posted. A sign placed near the barrier, as well as at various other places in the vicinity, reads: "Access prohibited. Cinema Center Area"
15. At present, a narrow-gauge railway line extends for a considerable distance to the area, where many excavations are in progress.
16. South of the road, the first floor of a large, reinforced concrete and brick building has been completed. Three rows of wooden barracks, probably used to house personnel employed in the construction work, are located approximately 100 meters above the road.
17. Medium and heavy trucks, all marked in red with the letters **ТН** (Trudova Povinnost; Labor Service), were observed in both directions, towards Boyana and towards Dragalevtzi. Since no civilian workers were observed, it is assumed that the entire work on this project has been entrusted to the Trudovaks. Approximately 500-600 men are estimated to be working on this project.
18. Included in Appendix "C" is a sketch showing the location of the new Cinema Center near Sofia.

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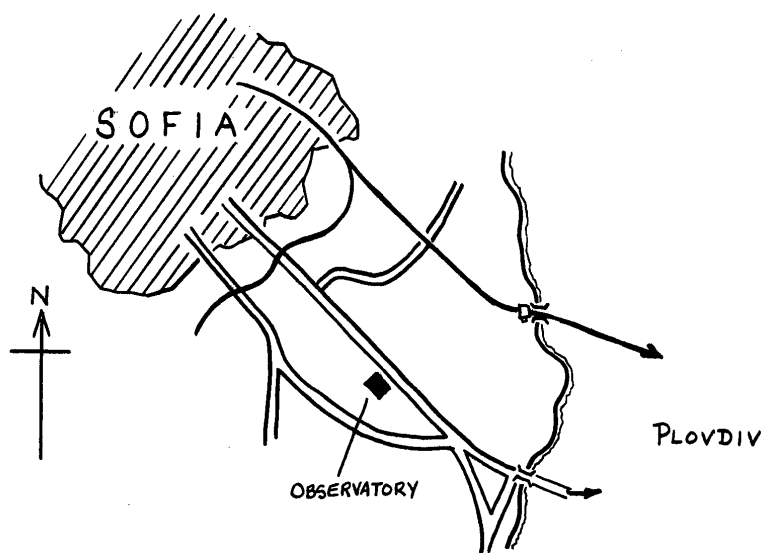
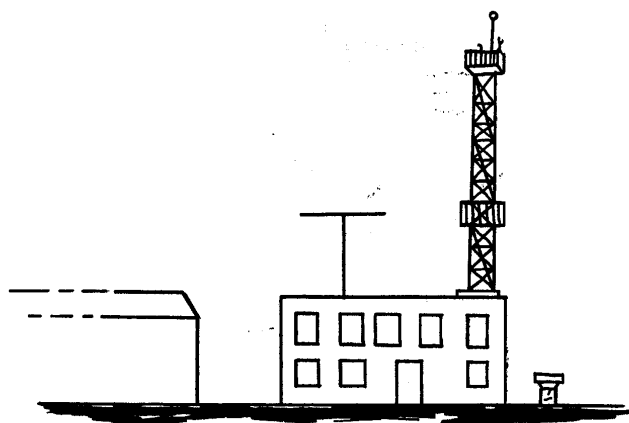
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APPENDIX "A"

Meteorological Observatory near Sofia



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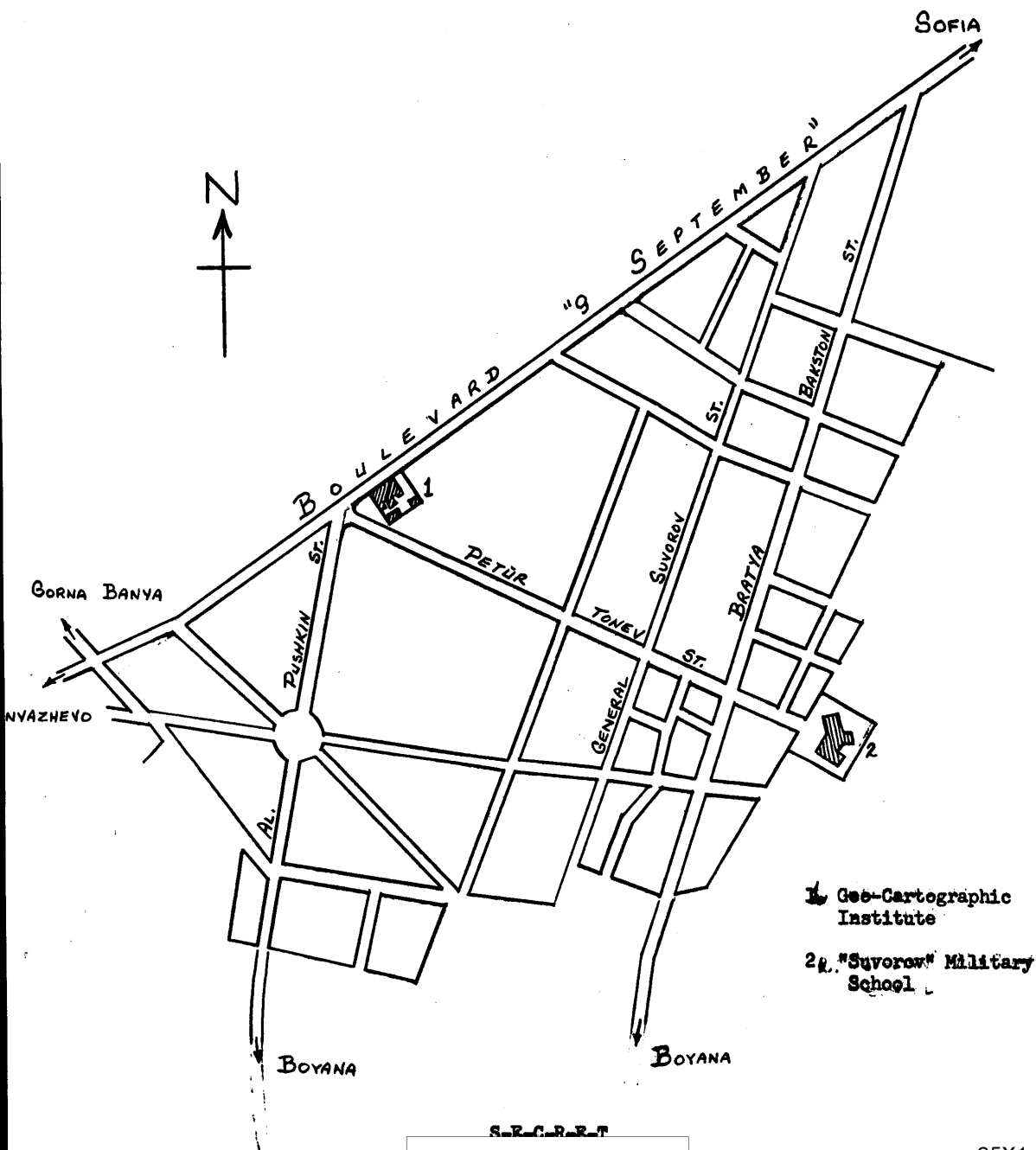
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APPENDIX "B"

Plan of the Sofia Suburb of Pavlovo



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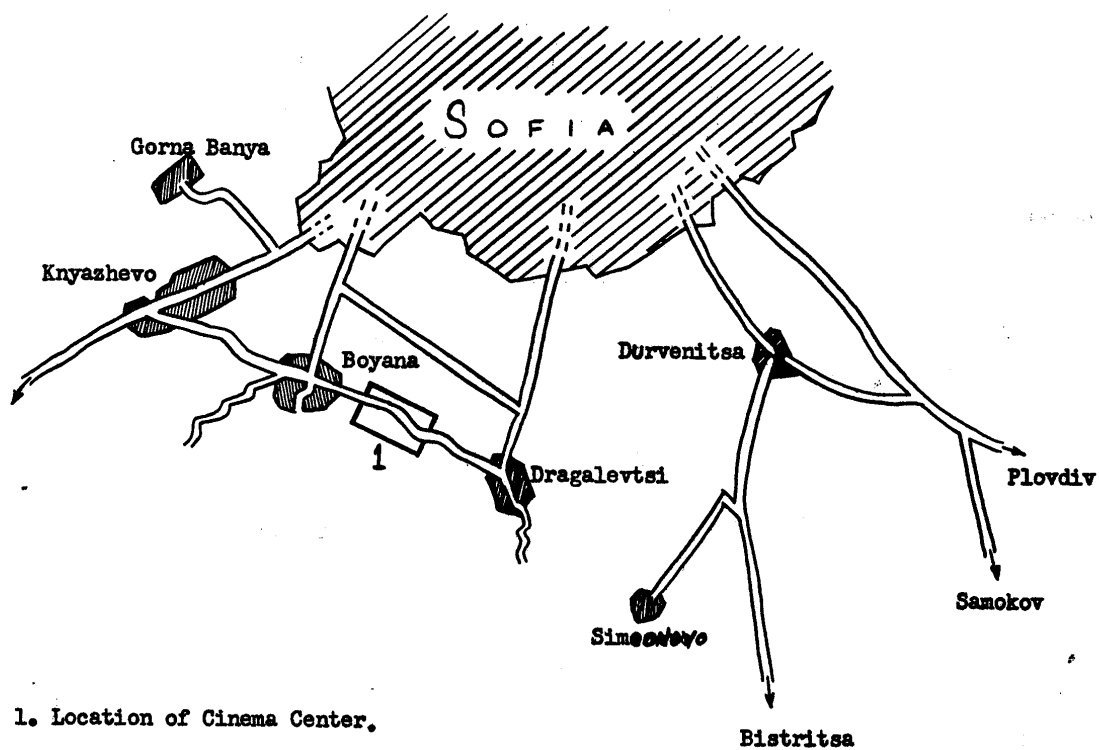
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APPENDIX "C"

Location of Cinema Center near Sofia



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